

COMMUNITY NEWS

Happy Mother's Day Sunday, May 11th!



The building above is 105 years old. It is the County Seat of Coffee County (we usually say the Elba Courthouse) and to me it is a beautiful building, well preserved, and I would like to help keep it this way.

The Courthouse is located in District 3, and as Commissioner for this district I have had the opportunity to help restore the foundation, keep up the building, have a new roof put on, renovate the restrooms, and last year to restore the striking of the town clock.

One has to climb a ladder in the tower to reach the clock and most people do not realize that there is an old-time bell in the Courthouse Tower, probably as old as the Courthouse itself. A hammer strikes this bell to cause the chimes one hears when it strikes the hour. It took years to find someone who would (or could) work on this type of clock but when we did we discovered that over the many years of the hammer hitting the bell, the hammer had worn a hole completely through the bell and this had to be fixed before it would strike again.

It is nice to go to town at 11 or 12 o'clock and listen when the clock strikes the full amount of times to signify the hour. This brings back memories of keeping time at school by listening for the town clock to strike!

The City governing body has been very good in helping with the courthouse square and I would like to thank them for their excellent cooperation. In their plans for the revitalization of downtown, the City will install all of our electrical wiring underground and we have the money in the County budget already approved to place old-time lighting around the square.

A vote for me, Robert G. Stephens, for Commissioner of District 3 will be appreciated. I will always strive to preserve our heritage.

(Pd Pol Adv. by Robert Stephens 588 E. Davis St. Elba, AL 36323)

Elba General Hospital honored for commitment to quality improvement

AQAF, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Alabama, has recognized Elba General Hospital for its participation in a three-year statewide quality improvement and patient safety project since 2005. The award was presented by Keith Granger (right), chairman of AQAF, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Alabama. Elba General was one of 29 Alabama hospitals to take part in the campaign to transform the health care delivery system for Alabama's Medicare beneficiaries. The hospitals worked intensively with AQAF to build safer systems and to accelerate clinical excellence in three areas: improved treatment of heart attacks; congestive heart failure and pneumonia; prevention of surgical infection; and health information technology.

As a result of the 29 hospitals' three-year effort, to date 6,236 lives have been saved as a result of patients receiving the appropriate care for which they were eligible, and 2,115 lives have been saved as a result of antibiotics being properly administered to patients before and after surgery.

For more information visit www.aqaf.com or <http://www.aqaf.com>.



Mary Gray (left) accepts the award on behalf of Elba General Hospital for its participation in a three-year statewide quality improvement and patient safety project since 2005. The award was presented by Keith Granger (right), chairman of AQAF, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Alabama. Elba General was one of 29 Alabama hospitals to take part in this campaign.



A LETTER TO MOM

IN MEMORY OF ERIE M. CROOK

Dear Momma,

This is your son, Boots. We've been without you now for seven months and 4 days. I'll never forget that early Sunday afternoon when I went to check on you and you had left us. Sunday mornings and early afternoons, and even Saturday nights, have been a sad time for me, bringing back vivid memories of the worst day of my life. Having taken care of you for most of the last ten years before you left us, my purpose in life left me that day. The void without you is almost unbearable. The void often brings tears to my eyes, as it is right now. Finding any meaningful activity that satisfies that void has been almost impossible. Contributing to the well being of my family, as you did, and as I know you would have wanted me to do, is the best I can do. But it somehow still falls far short of the meaning that taking care of you brought to my life.

Doctors told me the last several years of your life that you didn't know who I was, but the last two days of your life you kept your eyes open, when you had kept them closed almost continuously for months. I believe deeply in my heart that, even if you couldn't speak anymore, you knew that I was someone who loved you and cared for you deeply, and that you felt the same for me, and that you knew you would be leaving me soon. We both knew we had a Mother-son bond like no other.

Besides being my Mother, you were my best friend. For many, many years, you and the house on the hill in Elba were my refuge from the seemingly relentless struggles and hardships of everyday life. You provided a safe haven for me to recover from the some of the most difficult times of my life. I always knew you loved me, even if nobody else in the world did. You told me you forgave me for all my wrongdoings I inflicted on you until you could no longer speak. If I didn't get to the house until 2 or 3 am, you still woke up with all the zest and energy of anybody I've ever known and prepared a full, delicious meal for me. Being without you on the hill during the springtime has been very hard, since it was our favorite time of year. We always loved hearing the birds singing in the warmer weather, not to mention the beautifully blooming azaleas and dogwood trees. And, of course, one of our favorites was the sweet smell of the honeysuckles every year. We knew we should smell them soon, because they wouldn't be there later. I've realized that the same thing is true of life. You better take the good that's here in life now (loving those around you, as you taught me to do), because it won't be long before your chance will be gone forever.

For the first time in my life, I will be going through all these things without you. Now I know what someone meant when they said, "The most precious things in life are free." And I certainly understand what Dorothy meant in the Wizard of Oz when she clicked the heels of her shoes three times and said, "There's no place like home, there's no place like home, there's no place like home." Now I truly understand what having a purpose in life means.

Our family has been through many "first times" already without you. Your birthday on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Day and Easter have all passed without the beauty of your wonderful spirit amongst us, and now one of the most difficult, Mother's Day, will be coming. The first day I saw the "Mother's Day" card section in a store I stood there and cried and hoped no one saw me. It will be the first Mother's Day that any of your children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren will have ever experienced without you being with us. It will be a very, very sad day for all of us. I will be thinking of what a wonderful person you were, how much you loved your family, and the way that helping others made you so very, very happy.

When I tell people you are the most kind and gentle person I have ever known, they think I am just saying that just because you are my Mom. Only those that knew you best know that I'm saying it because it's actually true. I've never met anyone on earth who was happier to do things for other people than you were. You easily and naturally spread love and good cheer wherever you were. You loved your students, and they loved you. I know that you would have given your last penny to a stranger, and that all he had to do was to ask for it.

When I look at videos from your younger days, I can only think of how I wished I had told you "I Love You" more, hugged you more and told you how much I appreciate you more. I will end by saying the same thing I say to you every night, even after your passing. "Thank you for everything you have done for me. I'm sorry for everything I have ever done that hurt you. Thank you for sticking with me, staying with me, and always being there for me. Thank you for making a home for me and always being there for me. Because of you I always had a home to go to, and you were always there for me. Thank you, Momma, I Miss You, Momma. I Love You, Momma. You'll forever be in my heart. I'll never forget you. I'll always love you, Your loving son, Boots

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During Coffee County Commission meeting

County extension office recognizes two commissioners for their service

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday, May 12, opened with a special presentation from the county extension office.

Stan Windham, director of the Coffee County Extension Office, was recognized by Commission Chairman Tom Grimley to make the presentation.

Windham said he thinks everyone knows how important the county extension is to a county.

"I've had the privilege of working with commissions for 28 years," Windham said. "It's sad to me when you have people retiring, especially out of this group."

With commissioners Linda Westbrook and Doug Dalrymple not planning to seek re-election to the Coffee County

Commission this year, Windham said his office wanted to give them something to say "thank you" for their time and service. With that said, he presented Westbrook and Dalrymple each with a plaque from the county extension office and offered his heartfelt thanks to them for all they've done while serving the county as commissioner.

Shortly after Windham made his presentation to Westbrook and Dalrymple, commissioners listened as another long-time public servant announced his retirement.

Robert Lotley, director of the county's Veterans Affairs office, said he was asked to address the commissioners Monday morning so he could personally thank the Coffee County Commission for its support of nearly 24 years.

Lotley said this has been a long time coming. He said he will be retiring at the end of this month, and he wanted to attend Monday's meeting so simply say, "thank you."

Lotley also announced that Susan Ziglar from the Dothan office of Veterans Affairs will be his temporary replacement, but, hopefully, a full-time replacement will be in place by August.

At the conclusion of Lotley's address, Commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion with a second from Commissioner J.L. Weeks to present Lotley with a proclamation at the next meeting from the Coffee County Commission recognizing his years of service. This motion passed unanimously.

The meeting took a confusing turn as Commissioners began discussing and voting on motions made in regards to assisting the City of Enterprise with its farmers market.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks said the mayor of Enterprise was at the last work session and asked for the county's participation with funds for the farmers market. He offered a motion with second from Commissioner Grimley to render support to Enterprise by offering a feasible amount of funds (after taking a look at the budget) to help Enterprise with the farmers market.

Commissioner Dalrymple said he does not believe \$200,000 is a small amount of money to pay out to help, especially considering the county



Stan Windham (left), director of the county extension office, presented plaques to commissioners Doug Dalrymple and Linda Westbrook during Monday's Coffee County Commission meeting thanking them for their service. The two commissioners are not seeking re-election to the commission.

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Several employments approved during County BOE meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Following the annual awards ceremony Tuesday evening, May 12, hosted by the Coffee County Board of Education to recognize the achievements of students from Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel schools, board members gathered for a short meeting.

One of the main reasons for the board meeting was to decide whether personnel matters presented by Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram.

Personnel actions recommended by the superintendent and approved by board members included:

• Accepted the resignation of Rick Walker - Spanish teacher

• Approved the employment of Angela Kelley - science teacher at Kinston School.

• Approved the employment of Kelly Pouncey - elementary teacher at Zion Chapel School.

• Approved the employment of Karie Striplin - volleyball coach at New Brockton High School.

• Approved the employment of Gid Zorn - girls head basketball coach at New Brockton High School.

• Accepted the retirement of Sandy Weeks - secretary/bookkeeper at Kinston School.

• Accepted the resignation of Lougenne Wyroslick - volleyball coach at New Brockton High School, effective May 31, 2008.

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Elba school officials provide detailed review of local funds

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Last Friday Elba School Superintendent Danny Weeks and Financial Officer Lisa Rials responded to a request from The Elba Clipper and gave a detailed review of the local school's audited financial statements and an overview of the amounts and how local school taxes are used.

The annual audit revealed the school to be a major contributor to the local economy with a budget exceeding eight million dollars. Weeks stated that 85% of the overall budget is used for salaries.

The largest portion of this budget comes from the state education budget. It pays salaries and benefits of most of the teachers, based on a formula tied to the average daily attendance. These funds are largely earmarked and must be used for the purpose designated by the state.

Local funds include local property taxes imposed by the voters either for general purposes or for specific purposes, such as bond issue repayment, etc. Also included in local funds is Elba sales taxes, alcohol beverage taxes, and the \$5.00 check off on Elba utility bills. Local gasoline taxes supply \$2,000 a month to the schools.

The volunteer \$5 check off was started several years ago when the education budget statewide was in proration and the local schools were in dire need of operating funds. That monthly check off amount has continued to drop after the gasoline tax was imposed and as the years passed to about \$1400 per month now.

The Elba alcohol beverage tax total \$61,539 in the past fiscal year that ended September 30, 2007 while city sales

taxes are usually around \$150,000 annually. There are also county sales taxes that are classified as "local funds". Accounting records show that the \$1.7 million local funds (this includes capital outlay monies) are used for utilities (\$250,000 a year for electricity alone), teachers and support staff, auditing, insurance, etc.

Last year the General Fund, where these local funds are channeled, paid five high school teachers at about \$280,000; one elementary teacher at \$65,000; two elementary instructional aides at \$80,000; half an assistant principal not funded by state \$35,000; 226 administrators, not state funded, \$200,000; six support staff, \$260,000; one Psychometrist on contract

services, \$21,000; instructional supplements not state funds \$30,000. Four of the locally funded teacher units (7 total in Elba) are in the Career Tech field, which includes auto mechanics, welding, agriculture, business education (2), family consumer science and the student co-op program.

According to Alabama law locally funded teachers must be paid the same salaries and benefits as those who are state funds teacher units.

In addition to salaries, these local funds are used for general operating expenses such as the electricity, telephone (\$2,000 a month), water (\$3,600 a year), insurance (\$40,000 a year and financial auditing services (\$20,000 a year).

The council agreed to a proposal to swap 47 acres of city owned land off the Samson Highway for four acres adjoining the Legion Field recreation park on Troy Highway. The swap with Roland Powell would have netted the city land that Mayor James Grimes said is needed for recreation park expansion plus \$35,000 cash.

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Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT board meeting will be Thursday night, May 15, at The Hickory Pit, 804 Davis St., Elba, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Routine business and conservation programs will be discussed.

6TH GRADE D.A.R.E. GRADUATION will be held Friday, May 16, at Elba Elementary School. The program will begin at 9 a.m. All parents and relatives of 6th grade students in the D.A.R.E. program are encouraged to attend.

MISS BRONZE 2008 will be held Saturday, May 17, at Elba High School auditorium. Applications can be received from any Granger Essence member.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE will be in Elba on Thursday, May 22, from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. It will be located at the Elba Elementary School.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL HONORS DAY for grades 7-11 will be Thursday, May 22, at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

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LIFESTYLES

Flag disposal ceremony to be held at American Legion in Samson on June 10th

The 35th District of the American Legion will be conducting a flag disposal ceremony of June 10, 2008 at the American Legion Post in Samson, Ala. This ceremony is available to all post within the District and each post will be collecting unserviceable, worn and tattered U.S. Flags for proper disposal. If anyone has an unserviceable

U.S. Flag that they would like to have properly disposed, they are asked to please contact any American Legion Member in their area or call their local Veterans Affairs Officer. In Coffee County call 894-5858 or drop flag(s) by the office located in the county office complex at 1065 East McKinnon Street by 3 p.m. on Monday, June 9th.

Zoar Holiness Church to celebrate homecoming and have revival services

Homecoming to be observed at Zoar Holiness Church Sunday, May 18th. Morning Worship will begin at 11:00 a.m. featuring The Boggs Family. Following morning worship there will be

a fellowship dinner and an afternoon service. On May 19th-23rd Zoar Holiness Church will hold revival services featuring The Boggs Family. Everyone is invited to attend.

New Arrival

JACKSON PATRICK OLIVER



Jackson Patrick Oliver

David and Rachel Cowart Oliver announce the birth of their baby boy, Jackson Patrick Oliver. He was born at 12:01 p.m. on March 24, 2008 at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, GA. He weighed 8 lbs 1 oz. and was 20 inches long. Little Jack was named for his great, great-grandfather, Jackson Cowart. Proud grandparents are John and Melissa Oliver of Dadeville, AL and Bill and Jeannette Cowart of Elba.

Youth College to be held June 16-19 at Enterprise - Ozark Community College

Enterprise-Ozark Community College will hold Youth College 2008 on June 16-19, 2008 on the Enterprise Campus and July 7-10, 2008 on the Ft. Rucker Campus. Times for both colleges will be 1:30 p.m.-4:20 p.m., Monday - Thursday. The college is for those in grades 2nd-8th. The grade level refers to the grade that the child will enter in the fall of 2008.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. The registration deadline for the Enterprise Youth College is June 9, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. and the deadline for Ft. Rucker Youth College is June 30, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

Each course will have a registration fee and is limited to 10-25 students. Some classes also have additional supply fees that are listed with the course description. A student may register for a maximum number of three classes at each campus. Those children who register for three classes on one campus will receive a free Youth College T-shirt. No registration will be taken over the phone and in order to register for classes, students must provide their social security number.

All course descriptions may be found on the EOCC website: www.eocc.edu. For more information call (334) 347-2623, ext. 2336 (Enterprise), ext. 4221 (Fort Rucker).

Area students earn degrees from University of Alabama

The University of Alabama awarded some 2,781 degrees during spring commencement that was held Saturday, May 10, on campus.

With this graduating class, UA will have awarded more than 204,000 degrees since its founding in 1831 as the state's first public university.

The following students are listed as candidates that received degrees: Elba Ala. Jason Lee Curran - Bachelor's Degree; New Brockton Ala., Michael H. Scott - Bachelor's Degree; New Brockton Ala., John J. Windham - Bachelor's Degree; Brantley Ala., Alison Bees Thompson - Master's Degree; Brantley Ala., Jerri Bryan Grant - Bachelor's Degree

Miss Bronze Pageant set for Saturday May 17th

The 2008 Miss Bronze Pageant will be held May 17, 2008 at the Elba High School Auditorium. The event is presented by Greater Essence. The categories for the event will be Tiny Tot: 3 yrs- Kindergarten, Mini Miss: 1st-3rd grade, Little Miss: 4th-6th grade, Junior Miss: 7th-9th grade, and Miss: 10th-12th grade.

Prize will be held Friday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m.

There will be an entry fee that should be turned in with an application to Greater Essence at Elba High School Auditorium during practice. For more information contact Liz at 897-3439, Lynell at 897-1541, Rolanda at 897-1992, or Cathynette at 897-3334. All proceeds go towards the scholarship funds.

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Magnolia Home and Garden Club installs new officers at May meeting

non-member Nell Gilmer in preparation of the flower bed at Tiger Town Park. The main event of the day was the installation of officers for the 2008-2009 club year. Those installed were Janine

Coles, president; Miriam Farris, Vice-President; Marlene Willis, recording secretary; Doris Mallory, corresponding secretary; and JoAnne Parker, Treasurer.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Billy Redd
1st Assembly of God

You are of God!

If you can, please read Psalms 8:3-9, for in verse six it says this about "man": "Thou made him (man) to have dominion over the works of Thy hand; Thou hast put all things under his feet." I believe that man has been on a quest to believe God for great things for centuries.

I feel it would do us good to try to realize how "very highly" God thinks about each of us. To prove the fact that this God, who invested the best He had when He sent Jesus to pay the debt for the sins of all mankind. HE thinks very highly of you. This I feel will help us to understand what He has given unto us through the victory of Jesus Christ. It should help us to better realize the significance of the "dominion" HE has placed in our hands. Just as a Southern Gentleman is known to keep his word, God has assured us that what HE has said will be brought to pass. Notice how HE puts it in Isaiah 55:11: "...My Word...it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

You and I must realize we are of God and will never be complete without HIM. God placed His confidence within mankind by giving unto us, as Psalms 8:6 stated, "...dominion over the works of His hands." You probably do not feel that way though because of the troubles and heartaches you face in life. But our feelings do not negate the truth of God's Word. Remember 2 Corinthians 5:7. "For we walk by faith, not by sight." As you learn to believe in God also learn to believe in yourself based on what God's Word says about you.

Therefore let us look and see what God says about this issue whether we are of God or not.

Read Genesis 1:26-28. It states we are made in His image and likeness, given dominion over His creation, then blessed by God to accomplish His will. "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion..." Genesis 2:7 tells us that HE formed you, made you, and breathed life into you - my friends you are of God. Believe it!

Let me close this article with a quote from Ephesians 2:4-7. "But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith HE loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved); and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come HE might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." It may be difficult for us, but let's try to believe how "highly" God does think about us. And never forget how very much HE loves you. Body Bless.

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Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church to host a gospel singing on May 17th

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 17, 2008 beginning at 7 p.m. The featured singing group will be The Heartmen Quartet from Columbus Miss.

For more information contact Gus Grant (334) 897-6793 or 465-5555, or call Bill Daughtry (334) 735-2010.

The church is located on County Road 110 (between Hwy 125 and Hwy 167).

Church is located on Coffee County Road 114 about 1 mile past Wayne Farms Southland. For more info call 334/347-0569 or 334-894-5021.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS: Steven Knight- May 13, Helen Thigpen- May 18, Clinton E. Daniels- May 11 (In Memory Of), Edward Tillis- May 12 (In Memory Of), Willie Calvin Tillis Jr.- May 18, Bobby Burks- May 18.

ANNUAL CHOR DAY of the Star of Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Luverne, Ala. will be held Sunday, May 18, 2008 at 2 p.m. All choirs, groups, and worshippers are invited to attend.

PASTOR'S 9th APPRECIATION PROGRAM will be held at St. Mark Baptist Church, Glenwood, Ala. Jeff D. Abner, pastor, on May 18, 2008 beginning at 2 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. DeLano Smith, pastor of Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Luverne, Ala. and Oak Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Forest Home, Ala.

GREATER OLD SALEM, Ozark, Ala. will hold their Annual Matron's Day celebration on Sunday, May 18, 2008 beginning at 3 p.m. The guest speaker for the even will be Rev. Herbert Reynolds, Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Brundidge, Ala.

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Erica Daniels &
Kelly Corder

Maddox plans retirement from teaching

by Megan Sullivan

As another school year comes to an end, so does the career of one of Elba's most respected teachers.

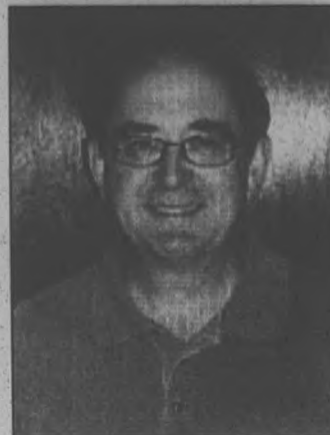
Tom Maddox is currently the Elba Elementary band director and music teacher. He has taught for 23 years.

Mr. Maddox attended the University of Southern Mississippi and Troy State University. He has a Bachelor's degree in music education.

When asked about one thing he has learned from his students, Mr. Maddox said, "That students from Florida, Elba, Enterprise or anywhere else I have been have the same basic ability: if they want to achieve, they can."

His philosophy is "life is about choices. Choose right!"

When asked what his plans are after retirement, Maddox



Tom Maddox

said, "Immediately, I plan to attend a sign language workshop in Oklahoma in July. I also plan to go to Guyana, South America for a mission trip in October. Then I better ask my wife what else I plan to do."

Mr. Maddox will really be missed by the Elba band program.

Fifth grade class enjoys field trip to American Village Museum in Montevallo

by Erica Daniels

The Elba Elementary School fifth grade class boarded a chartered Capital Trailways bus Thursday, May 1, to travel to the American Village Museum



Elba Elementary School fifth graders participated in a living history program during their recent field trip to the American Village Museum in Montevallo.

Fourth grade students take two separate field trips

by Tierney Starks

The fourth grade went on two field trips this year.

On March 25, the fourth graders went on an all-expense-paid trip to the state capital. Rep. Terry Spicer paid for transportation and all.

On the way they stopped at McDonald's and ate chocolate chip cookies. "It was the highlight of the trip," said Mrs. Dye, a fourth grade teacher.

On their journey, they toured

the Governor's mansion, went to the gift shop, and ate lunch on the grounds. After that, they went to the State House and watched the representatives in session. They next toured the State Capitol and took a picture on the steps with Rep. Terry Spicer.

The students really enjoyed themselves.

On May 1, the class took another field trip to the Coffee County Ground Water Festival held at the Coffee County Farm

Drum Major/Auxiliary tryouts held for Marching Tiger Band

by Kim Blue

During the week of April 28-May 1, the Elba High School drum major/auxiliary clinics began. Everyone worked as a group with an instructor and individually on a routine they would have to perform on May 2 during tryouts.

The clinics were very successful and made everyone that tried out for drum major, dance line, colorguard, and majorette very excited as clinic was ending and the big day was near.

The people who tried out for drum major had to make up a

salute and a routine, call commands and go through an interview.

The people who tried out for dance line had to perform a dance routine that an instructor had taught them during the week. The people who tried out for colorguard also had to perform a routine that their instructor had taught them throughout the week.

The people who tried out for majorette had to perform a group routine and also an individual routine that they had to come up with on their own.

On May 2, all the people were very excited to tryout.

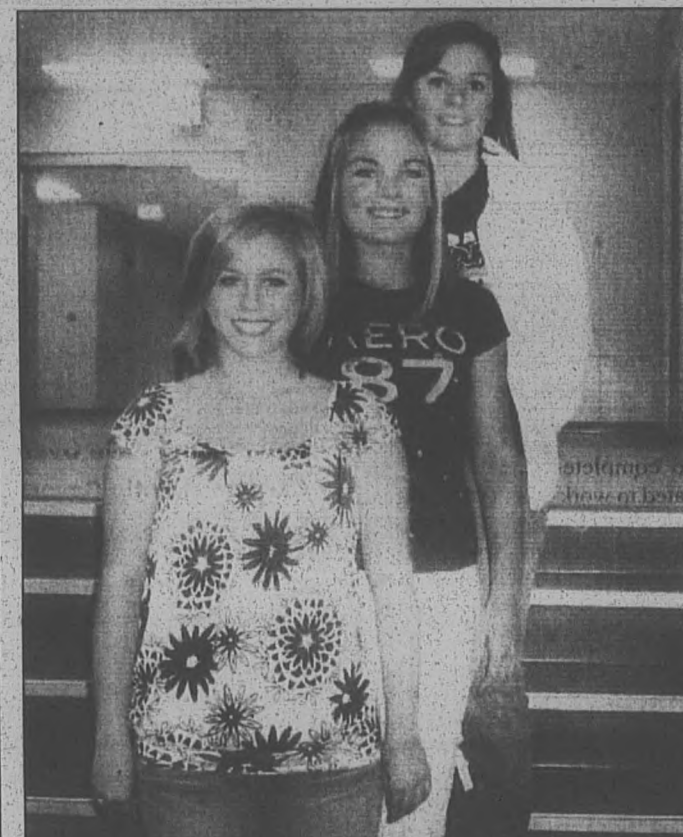


Kim Blue (left) was chosen as senior drum major for the 2008-09 Elba Marching Tiger Band while Robyn Hudson (right) was chosen as junior drum major.



Those chosen for the 2008-09 Marching Tiger Band Danceline included: Maisie Thomas - captain, Kiera Robertson, Meredith Brunson, Morgan Anderson, Meagan King, Karizmah Yelverton, Syden Crittenden and Aaliyah Horstead.

Those chosen for the 2008-09 Marching Tiger Band Colorguard included: Brittany Davis - captain, Keke Oliver - co-captain, Tanshay Phillips - co-captain, Ashley Foster, Amber Hill, Kiera Hammonds, Chasmine Phillips, Brianna Hill, Jessica Starks, Brianna Jackson, Lindsey Smith and Kristen Kelley.



Those chosen as the 2008-09 Marching Tiger Band Majorettes included: Shelby Brunson - captain, Corlin Lee, Hannah Morgan, and Ashley Bailey (not pictured).

ines the actions of the colonists from the beginning of the American Revolution until the setting up of the United States government at the end of the revolution.

The students also participated in scenarios that allowed hands-on learning and interaction. There are also enactors who portray various members of the American Revolution and American Government.

Rush Brunson, a former student and graduate of Elba, is one of the enactors the students saw while on their trip.

Miss Spring Break

by Erica Daniels

On Friday, April 11, the Elba High School journalism staff brought back the Miss Spring Break pageant. This pageant has been held at EHS for many years but was discontinued several years ago.

The Miss Spring Break pageant consists of senior guys who choose to dress up as girls. This year each guy was escorted by a senior girl, who chose to dress up as a guy.

The winner was Bobby Hudson; 1st runner up was Dakell Berry; 2nd runner up was Justin Gray; and Miss Congeniality was Michael Burks.

This event helps pay for journalism events and supplies.

Elba High seniors continue to receive scholarships

Blake Qualls receives scholarships for college

by Megan Sullivan

Blake Qualls, a senior at Elba High School, is the son of Mary and Pam Catrett and Donnie Qualls.

As one of our closes another opens and being awarded scholarships helps seniors to adjust to the real world.

This year Blake Qualls received the Delano Anderson, the Jimmy and David Boyle Memorial, and the Brunson

Memorial EOCC Foundation Scholarship, which is valued at \$1,161 to Enterprise-Ozark Community College for the 2008-2009 academic year. He is also the recipient of the Troy Excellence in Leadership Scholarship valued at \$1,200.

Don Rhoades receives scholarships for college

by Tiffany Hyman

Don Rhoades, a senior at Elba High School, is the son of Dwayne and Debbie Rhoades.

Don was offered two scholarships - one to Enterprise

Ozark Community College and one to Lurleen B. Wallace Community College.

The Scholarship from EOCC is an academic scholarship for \$2,160 for the 2008-2009 academic year. From LBW, Don received the Lurleen B. Wallace Presidential Scholastic Scholarship, which is equal to the amount of tuition and fees for nine credit hours per term and is renewable for the length of his program of study provided that he maintains 2.5 GPA.

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FROM AROUND THE WIREGRASS GATHERED AT THE ENTERPRISE CAMPUS OF ENTERPRISE-OZARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO GIVE COLLEGE FACULTY AND STAFF AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THEM. THESE FUTURE EOCC STUDENTS, PLANNING TO ATTEND THE UPCOMING SUMMER SEMESTER BEGINNING MAY 29 OR THE FALL SEMESTER, RECEIVED PRESIDENTIAL, ACADEMIC, TECHNICAL, CAREER, EOCC FOUNDATION, PERFORMING ARTS, AND ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS. PICTURED ARE RECIPIENTS: (first row from left to right) Wesley Wynn from Newton, Aaron Pope from New Brockton, Tara Parker, Melinda Vashinder and Amber Henderson from Chancellor, Emily Kouvelos from Opp, Olajuwon Jackson from Elba and Nick Moore from Enterprise; (second row from left to right) Rachel Petrillo from Arton, Christina Whorley from Enterprise, Gregory Shirah and Kaitlyn Moore from Newton, Martika Craig, Drue Baxley and Carmen Tucker from Slocomb, Meredith Mock from Enterprise, Kendall Persin from New Brockton, Rachel Troyer and Michelle Davis from Enterprise, Elizabeth Geiger from Hartford, Hillary Watson from Slocomb, Tyler Peel from Malvern, and Samantha Merrill from Enterprise; (third row from left to right) Chelsea Lee from Samson, Kallie Revels from Coffee Springs, Brandie Wood from Samson, Caleb Bannin, Shaquille Marsh from Samson, Justin Garner from Dothan, Garrett Keller from Slocomb, Justin Battles from Hartford, Jared Brannon and Jason Silavant from Slocomb, and Levi Crawford from Geneva.

Register now for LBWCC's 2008 Medical Coding training classes

Register now for the Summer 2008 Medical Coding training to be held May 29 - August 5, 2008.

This is an opportunity to receive medical coding training locally. Students may enroll in one of two programs on the MacArthur Campus in Opp to receive their training.

A 15-week, non-college credit study course is available for students who wish to focus strictly on preparing for the national certification exam to become a Certified Professional Coder (CPC). The Health Information Technician Program is a credit program that results in the awarding of a short certificate available to students who wish to complete other courses related to work in a medical office setting as well as medical coding.

For more information or to register, contact Cindy Green at (334) 493-5344 or cgreen@lbwcc.edu regarding the 15-week study course.

Contact Monica Howard at (334) 493-5389 or mhoward@lbwcc.edu regarding the Health Information Technician short certificate.

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In the June 3rd Republican Primary



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Brian R. McLeod
Coffee County Board of Education
District One

Our Coffee County Schools are the centers of our communities in small town and rural Coffee County. After moving away from Coffee County for a few years to continue my education and begin my career, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to return to my roots (and momma's cooking) 16 years ago. The availability of good schools has helped make the decision easy for my wife and I to remain in the county in which we grew up to raise our own children. Maintaining good schools insure that our communities continue to grow and prosper. I want to represent you on the Coffee County Board of Education so that I can work for you to see that we progress down a path of continuous improvement and insure that our schools continue to be strong foundations for our communities for future generations. Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or comments. Your vote and support in the June 3rd Republican Primary will be greatly appreciated.

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42nd annual commencement ceremony set for Thursday evening (May 15) at EOCC campus

Enterprise-Ozark Community College's Enterprise Campus will hold the College's 42nd annual commencement exercises on Thursday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m., on the front lawn.

Over 100 graduates are expected to participate in the ceremony. Dr. Stafford L. Thompson, president of the College, will present the address.

Dr. Thompson served as a former legislative analyst with the Florida Senate Committee on Education, was appointed Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs with the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education in 1988, assumed responsibility for External Affairs in 1992, was appointed Interim President of Enterprise State Junior College in 1994, and was named President in 1996.

His career also includes nine

years of service with the Florida State Department of Education where he served as assistant to the Executive Director, Division of Community Colleges, Section Director for Program Development and Evaluation, Coordinator of Student Development, and Assistant

Coordinator of Student Development. In addition he has held administrative and instructional responsibilities in public school education and skills training programs in Tennessee and Missouri.

The graduation ceremony is open to the public.

EOCC's summer semester opens May 29

Summer semester classes will begin soon at Enterprise-Ozark Community College.

Registration is open, and the class schedule can be viewed online at www.eocc.edu.

Courses will be offered full-term and first and second mini-term, days and evenings, and at three locations: Enterprise, Fort Rucker, and Ozark. The semester opens May 29.

For more information about registering for courses, the class schedule, or how to be admitted to the college, call the Enterprise Campus at (334) 447-2623, the Fort Rucker Site at (334) 598-3438, or the Aviation

Campus in Ozark at (334) 511-5113. For more information, visit www.eocc.edu.

TO THE CITIZENS OF COFFEE COUNTY DISTRICT ONE

We are not voters in District One, however, we know one of your candidates, Jimmy Bryan.

We have known him for several years and have had business dealings with him through the business enterprises, Bryan's Barn Shop. During this time he has become a trusted friend.

We have found him to be reliable, honest, and civic minded, always concerned with those things that affect us all - like 911 service, law enforcement, education, local volunteer fire departments, and the good tax dollars.

Over the years he has been very supportive of our department without asking for recognition and has been willing to help individuals.

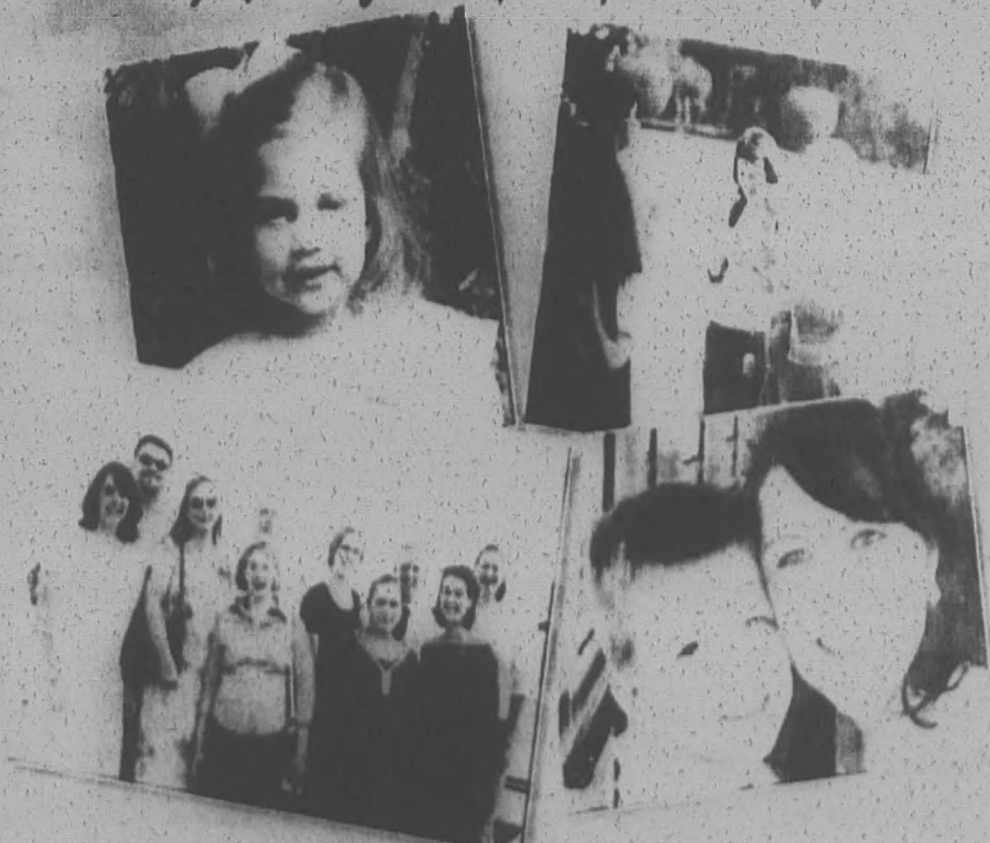
We believe that the people of District One have the opportunity to elect an individual, Jimmy Bryan, who will be a significant asset to Coffee County. As citizens of Coffee County, we ask that you vote for him on June 3.

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155th Brunson Reunion held Saturday, April 19, in Elba

The annual Brunson Reunion was held April 19, 2008. This year's reunion marked 155 years that the event has been held. It has never been cancelled or postponed.

The reunion began in 1853 as a birthday celebration for Matthew E. Brunson I. He was the original patriarch who brought the family to Coffee County.

Through the years there have been seven family members to sponsor the annual event. They were: Matthew E. Brunson I, Matthew E. Brunson II, Arthur Clair Brunson, William Matthew Brunson, Ben Stephen Brunson, Fox Henderson Brunson and Marion B. Brunson Sr. Following the death of Marion B. Brunson Sr. in 2007, the reunion continued under the sponsorship of Marion's family and continues to be held on the picnic grounds on the Brunson Farm.

The several hundred family members in attendance represented at least six different states and the District of Columbia. Delicious bar-b-que, hash and rice, along with a bountiful picnic spread, were enjoyed by those in attendance.

The 2009 reunion will be held on April 18, 2009.



William Dave Brunson, two weeks old, was the youngest in attendance. He is the son of Richard and Allyson Brunson of Fairhope, Alabama. Mr. Jack Jones of Samson was the oldest at age 101.



Elizabeth Brunson of Elba married A.C. (Bud) Brunson in 1934 and has only missed one reunion in the last 74 years.

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The Habitat for Humanity House sponsored by the Elba Rotary Club will be starting construction soon. It will require volunteers of all skill levels. Call the Elba Chamber of Commerce (897-3125) if you or a group would like to help with this rewarding project.



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(News Taken From Past Editions of The Elba Clipper)

10 Years Ago

Former residents organize donations. The people of Elba are not forgotten by those who move away; and a recent shipment of goods from Phenix City, Ala. shows how much they care. Over \$300 in cash and 136 boxes of food items, cleaning supplies, clothing, and toiletries were collected by students from four elementary schools and arrived in Elba April 25 for benefit of the March 8 flood victims. Included were Sherwood, Central, Westview and Ridgcrest Elementary schools, all in Phenix City.

City's insurance claims top \$600,000. The Elba City Council heard an update Monday night on the amount of flood insurance which has been received to settle March 8th flood damage claims on six city-owned buildings. These insurance funds do not include the monies paid to the city by FEMA for damages to roads, sewers, and some equipment lost to the high waters. Neither does it include any emergency work done by the Corp of Engineers immediately after the flood.

Students receive toys from Missouri, Georgia. On April 10, each child K-6 grade at the elementary school was given a Beanie Baby. The Beanie Babies were given to them to help replace the children's toys that were lost in the recent flood. The project was headed by Kathy Arnold of Missouri and Marilyn Hendrix of Georgia.

325 acre "fox run" in county will give area hunters a chance to enjoy thrill of the hunt. Hunters in Coffee County and throughout the south have long enjoyed the thrill of well trained hunting dogs trailing coons and deer and if an Enterprise resident is successful with a new venture the thrill of the chase may also include the fox as another source of prey. Jerry Parker, of Enterprise, is nearing completion on a 325 acre "fox run" located near Elba off Highway 189 and when opened later this summer the facility will include a fenced hunting area, a clubhouse and a kennel to house dogs left at the training site.

Phil Boggan places third in Science and Engineering Fair. Phil Boggan, a student at Elba High School, attended the Alabama Science and Engineering Fair, at Calhoun Community College, in Decatur, on April 21-23, and placed third in the category in which he competed to earn a ribbon for himself and his school. Phil's project was chosen by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers, Inc., as an overall winner and Phil received a special prize and a cash award.

30 Years Ago

Sheriff Recovers Goods - Coffee County Sheriff Neil Grantham reported this week that eight juveniles had been arrested in connection with three burglaries at a cabin near Elba. The burglaries were reported in mid-April and the arrests came after extensive investigation by Deputy Ray Norris. Sheriff

Local Car Dealer Attends Sales School - Drexel Cook, Cook Chevrolet, Inc., Elba, was among 50 retail executives from Chevrolet dealerships in the United States and General Motors' Canadian and overseas operations to graduate recently in Detroit, from the 30th anniversary session of the automotive industry's most unusual sales education school.

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week was notified the firm has received a Certificate of Merit from the Division of Safety and Inspection of Alabama in recognition of one full year without an accident.

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Former Elba Man Enters Air Force - Capt. Harlie B. Johnson, former resident of Elba and brother to Mrs. Maxwell Reeves and Mrs. Holman Taylor, was sworn in March 25 in the regular Air Force, Ft. Worth, Texas. The ceremony was performed by Lt. Col. Ridgely O. Ryan, commander of the Ft. Worth Air Reserve, where Capt. Johnson has been assistant training officer for the past three years.

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Candidates speak at recent CCRC meeting

The Coffee County Republican Committee (CCRC), recently held its monthly meeting at Ryan's.

Several candidates seeking support in the June 3rd primary addressed the group including Twinkle Cavanaugh running for President of the Public Service Commission and Dr. Craig Schmidtke, running for the US Congress District 2, represented by Vicky Tonn. Also speaking, Duncan Crow running for Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 and Brian McLeod, seeking the Coffee County School Board District 1.

The CCRC is hosting a candidate forum for all the Republicans running for US Congress District 2, the seat that will be vacant due to the retirement of Congressman Terry Everett. The event will be held Thursday, May 22, 6 p.m., at the Enterprise Civic Center. Everyone is invited. After the forum light refreshments will be served and

the candidates will be available to answer questions. Call Sue Neuenen for further information 334-494-2427.

Voter registration deadline set for Friday, May 23rd

Please note that Friday, May 23, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for registering to vote in time for the June 3rd Primary Election. The Board of Registrars' office is located in the Coffee County Complex, Highway 84W, New Brockton, Ala.

Requirements to register to vote are:

• Person must be 18 years of age and a United States citizen; and

• Person must live at the address provided on the application to register; and

• Person must not be barred from voting by reason of felony conviction; and

• Person must not have been adjudged "mentally incompetent" in a court of law.

Voters who want to update their voting information to reflect a change in name or address should contact the Board of Registrars. The telephone number for the Board of Registrars is 894-5347.



Pictured left to right: Duncan Crow, candidate for Court of Criminal Appeals; Twinkle Cavanaugh, running for President of PSC; CCRC Chairman Don Weaver; Brian McLeod, a candidate for Coffee County School Board District One; and CCRC Treasurer Billy Murdock.

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BY RICKY MULARZ, SPORTS EDITOR

I have been blessed to have a Mom I could call on for all fifty-five years of my life, and my girls showed their appreciation for all the things their Mother has done throughout their lifetime by sharing cards and gifts last weekend. I know many people have to think back and remember the "good 'ole days" on such holidays. So, I consider myself to be extremely lucky and blessed to be able to tell my Mom in person how much I love her!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Lady Tigers saw their season come to an end last weekend with two losses to West Blocton in the sub-state finals. The Lady Tigers had swept past Choctaw County earlier in the week on the road to move into the finals and had multiple chances to claim a win in the third and deciding game Saturday afternoon. However, the Elba girls stranded too many runners on base in the 2-1 loss, including four runners on third. Elba started slow this season and struggled at times, but came on strong late in the season and it was known that their best days are ahead as the youngsters in the lineup learn from their on the job training.

*** It was also a heart-breaking weekend for the Kinston Lady Bulldogs and the Brantley Bulldogs. Kinston fell one win short of a trip to the state softball tournament in a sub-state loss to top-ranked Millry, while Brantley dropped two straight games after an opening round win in the baseball semifinals and saw their dreams of playing for a state title come to an abrupt end. The softball and baseball seasons may be over for the teams in the area, but all the teams had good years and gave their fans plenty to cheer about.

*** Elba High will be looking for a new head baseball coach after the sudden resignation of Coach Mike Buckelew. Coach Buckelew came to Elba three years ago and served one year as the junior high coach and two years as the varsity coach, and as the head man for the varsity led the Tigers to one area title and one area runner up finish. Buckelew told me he wanted to spend more time with his children as they grow up and play ball in youth leagues, and as a Dad I can certainly understand his feelings.

*** Former Elba Tiger standout Ronald McKinnon received one of the biggest honors of his career last week when he was named to the College Football Hall of Fame. McKinnon, a three-time All-American at North Alabama, was added through the divisional division (small college) and will be enshrined later this summer. Ronald was an outstanding young man and football player at Elba High, continued to excel in college and may have been the one of the best pro football players many people never heard of during his 11-year career in the NFL. Every honor he receives is well deserved.

*** Spring football practice began at Elba High this week and a large number of players greeted Coach Rials and his staff for the 10-day drills. The Tigers began to turn the corner last season and posted a winning season against some very solid 3A opponents, and this year will move down into the 2A ranks and should once again be a team to watch. The short spring practice may have an impact, but it should be minimal as the Tigers will no doubt work hard throughout the summer.

*** The NCAA announced last week that Alabama State University had been accused of over 800 violations. The violations varied from minor mistakes in recruiting to playing ineligible players, and the university was also accused of a lack of institutional control, which usually means big penalties. The Hornets may soon have their stinger removed.

*** In closing... The youth baseball and softball seasons have had numerous games cancelled in recent weeks due to various school events, and because of that I haven't included the schedules in the paper. Maybe next week things will settle down a little and the schedules will return.

Men's Class C & Class D qualifier set for May 24

There will be a Men's Class C and Men's Class D District Qualifier Softball Tournament at Johnny Henderson Sports Complex, Enterprise, on Saturday, May 24.

Entry fee is \$150 per team and each team must provide its own ASA regulation softballs. A 3 home-run rule will be in effect in the Class C tournament, while in the Class D tournament a 1 home-run rule will be in effect. Trophies will be awarded and the winning teams will earn a free spot in the upcoming district tourney.

Deadline to enter is May 22 at noon. To enter call Nancy at 598-4322 or 763-0327.

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Season draws to an end

Lady Tigers fall in sub-state finals

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(Mike Capps photo)



Safe at second... A West Blocton runner slides in at second base just ahead of the tag of Elba Lady Tiger shortstop Sarah Bane in action last weekend.

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Alabama Special Olympics to hold 2008 State Games May 16-18 at Troy University

Troy University will be the site for the 2008 Special Olympics Alabama State Games May 16 - 18 for about 700 athletes with mental retardation and some 350 coaches and chaperones.

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SPORTS

In youth baseball and softball

Action is as hot as the temperature

COACH-PITCH BASEBALL

Jays 7 D'Backs 5 - The Jays pulled ahead early and held on late to edge past the Diamond-backs 7-5. Avery Webster scored 2 runs for the Jays and Cooper Bailey, Bryant Gilley, Trenton Sanders, Keyonta Fitzpatrick and Christina Chappell all scored 1 run. Chandler Coppage scored 2 runs for the D'Backs and Jeremiah Jordan, Gavin Caldwell and Tanner Herrington all scored 1 run.

Pirates 6 Rebels 4 - The Pirates scored 3 runs in the first and third innings in an exciting 6-3 win over the Rebels. Jordan Walden and Hudson Wise both scored 2 runs for the Pirates, while Luke Hickman and Brantley Box scored 1 run each. Scoring 1 run for the Rebels were Nathan Green, Brock Cardwell, Jake Smith and Dalton Shackelford.

DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

Elba Marlins 11 Samson 2

The Elba Marlins scored 5 runs in the opening inning to take command and rolled to an 11-2 win over Samson. Cavossessa Stinson had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Marlins, while Johnny McHugh and Harley Sanders both added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Grant Akridge and Talon Flowers both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Tanner Hudson scored 2 runs. Blake Baldwin and Grant Simmons both scored 1 run for Samson.

Elba Yankees 4 Elba Dodgers 3 - The Elba Yankees scored 2 runs in their final at-bat to edge past the Elba Dodgers 4-3. Braxton Robinson had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Yankees, while Mason Davis added 2 hits and scored 1 run and J. Cole Spicer added 1 hit and scored 1 run. B.J. Free had 2 hits to lead the Dodgers, while Shawn Carley and Will Jones both added 1 hit and Austin Watkins, Landon Carley and Logan Davis all scored 1 run.

Elba Yankees 15 Zion Chapel Red 3 - The Elba Yankees scored 10 runs in the opening inning to take command and rolled to a big 15-3 win over the Zion Chapel Reds.

Avery Hancey had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Yankees, while Dalton Sewell added 2 hits and scored 1 run. J. Cole Spicer and Kenner Neil Amison both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Dontavious Williams added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Braxton Robinson, Clark Logan, Mason Davis, Rob English, Bryan Cooks and Quentin Bryan all scored 1 run. Blake Cardwell had 1 hit and scored 1 run for Zion Chapel, while Colten Kelley and Michael Slesk both added 1 hit and John Pouncey and Troy Green both scored 1 run.

Elba Marlins 4 Samson 0 - The Elba Marlins scored in four different innings to defeat Samson 4-0. Grant Akridge had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Marlins, while Quan Jordan added 1 hit and Talon Flowers, Nicholas Johnson and J. Cole Spicer all scored 1 run. Trapp Hudson all scored 1 run. J. Cole Spicer and Matt Stacy both had 1 hit for Samson.

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

Zion Chapel 10 Elba Cardinals 6

Zion Chapel pulled ahead early and held on late to outscore the Elba Cardinals 10-6. Ethan Lott had 1 hit and scored 3 runs to lead Zion Chapel, while Travis Black and Slade Nalley both added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Hunter Snow scored 2 runs. Cole Goosby blasted a home run to lead the Cardinals, while Garrett Smith added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Ty Stewart scored 2 runs.

Kinston 7 Brantley Yankees 3 - Kinston scored 6 runs in the fourth inning to grab the lead and held on to defeat the Brantley Yankees 7-3. T.J. Glass and Ben Nelson both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Kinston, while Lane Clark and Avery Hataway both added 1 hit and Patrick Smith scored 2 runs. Kenya Teague blasted a home run to lead the Yankees, while Hunter Adams added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

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COACH-PITCH SOFTBALL
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COMMUNITY NEWS

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quit sponsoring the farmers market several years back in New Brockton due to the lack of produce and participation. Dalrymple said he did not think it appropriate to spend that amount of the taxpayer's money to put up another farmers market.

"If I understood the mayor correctly, we would need to obligate \$180,000," said Commissioner Stephens.

He said he personally is all for the farmers market having participated in the past and being in the produce business the majority of his life. However, Stephens said he could not vote to obligate that amount of money at this time knowing the situation the county will be facing financially due to the high cost of fuel.

He said he had spoken with both the sheriff and county engineer, and each has indicated their departments are most likely going to need additional funds for fuel.

Commissioner Brooks countered by saying his motion did not indicate a "specific" amount of money. Instead, he said it was for a "feasible amount of participation."

Brooks urged his fellow commissioner not to "belly-ache." He said the purpose of this proposal is to work to save the small farmer. Brooks said the commission may not be able to do what the mayor asked after reviewing the budget, but it should be willing to do whatever it can to help. Commissioner Stephens then

offered an amendment to the Brooks' motion to support Enterprise and the farmers market in theory but that no county funds be obligated at this time. His motion received a second from Commissioner Westbrook.

Commissioner Weeks said the money would have to come out of the general fund, and he agrees with Stephens that there are more pressing issues to be considered first in regards to funding.

The amendment passed with a 4-3 vote from commissioners. Voting in favor were commissioners Stephens, Westbrook, Weeks and Dalrymple. Voting against the amendment were commissioners Brooks, Grimsley and Thompson.

After this vote, confusion mounted as commissioners wondered what to do in regards to the original motion made by Brooks. Instead of calling for a vote on the original motion as amended, Grimsley called for a vote on the original motion, and it failed to pass.

In other business, commissioners:

• Voted to sign a franchise agreement with Troy Cable Vision.

• Voted to approve a resolution to allow commissioners Weeks or Grimsley to sign to allow for the use of county

equipment and personnel in support of other governmental agencies during BamaJam if the officials get in a bind (emergency situation). Commissioner Dalrymple cast the lone opposing vote to this motion indicating he did not think county equipment should be used to help a private entity. Commissioner Westbrook verified that the request pertained only to helping other governmental agencies that will be on sight during the event.

• Approved a motion made by Commissioner Stephens to have the maintenance department check with the City of Elba about borrowing or rent the appropriate equipment to complete some maintenance work at the courthouse in Elba.

• Approved a motion made by Commissioner Dalrymple to replace the fire alarm system at the Mount Pleasant Senior Center if the amount to replace is under the bid limit amount.

• Approved a motion awarding the low bid for oil and lubricants to Davis Oil Company of Dothan. The total bid amount was \$7,084.64.

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Tuesday, May 27, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

CITY

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application will be submitted for funds to complete this work. The council approved two resolutions with SE Ala Regional Planning Commission relating to the ongoing application process for \$410,100 grant to resurface a number of streets in Elba. The local matching part of this grant will be \$45,500 for a total of \$455,600.

Mayor Grimes explained that a number of streets all around the city have qualified for this

project. He added it will not fill all the resurfacing needs in Elba, but is a step in the right direction.

Mayor Grimes also announced there are no plans to appoint someone to fill the vacant council seat left by the untimely death of councilman David Bandman. He added that the municipal election is just a couple of months away, and the council will depend on the Elba voters to fill that slot.

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ELBA ZION CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER (EZCCO) celebrated its first community wide Fun Day on Saturday, May 10. Some of the participants in the Opening Ceremony, pictured above, are: Cal Howard, Ida Marin, Perry Stinson, Mayor James Grimes, Gladys Yelverton and Rev. Lovell Martin. There were activities for the young and old and the main participants were the children and adults, young and old, that came out and enjoyed themselves.



Moseley crowned Future Little Miss Coffee County

Michaela Grace Moseley (left) was crowned Future Little Miss Coffee County on May 3, 2008. She also was awarded the Photogenic Award as well as the Prettiest Dress Award.

Michaela is the daughter of Michael and Jane Moseley and the little sister of Chase Moseley. She is the granddaughter of Dale and Gloria Moseley of Elba and Russell and Aneva Williams of Valley, Alabama.

SHARE YOUR VIEWS - WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Straight Talk About Our Children's Schools

I need your **VOTE** in the June 3rd Republican Primary. With your support, we can make a REAL difference in our children's schools.

I am asking for your support in my efforts to win the Coffee County Board of Education District 1 position because I want all children in Coffee County to have safer schools, up-to-date textbooks, better technology, and a School Board that supports them.

I am not "qualified" based simply on a degree I earned. I have real classroom experience in TODAY'S schools, with TODAY'S students. I am a parent of two beautiful girls attending school with your children and grandchildren, and I am a teacher who sees how our schools could be improved.

Who better to make the decisions that will affect our children's future than a parent AND a teacher—two people in one who are supposed to be the most concerned about the welfare of our children.

I grew up knowing nothing but love, hard work, and dedication to a goal, and I bring these with me to you when I ask for your vote. You can rest assured that I am willing to work just as hard for your family as I've worked for my own.

I can give you real examples of the changes I would like to see made in our schools, and have been blessed to share those thoughts with many of you personally. I have more than JUST ideas of how our schools could be different. Our children would be safer with a full-time resource police officer to monitor attendance, student location, and on-campus situations at all times. We need security cameras in EVERY parking lot and hallway on EVERY campus. Schools should have enough textbooks so that students can take them HOME to study and do homework, and students eating lunch at school shouldn't have to eat food prepared in a cafeteria across town and then driven to their school. I understand these things from EXPERIENCE.

With your support, we can take the first step toward electing someone who HAS experience in a modern classroom setting, who DOES have children in our schools, and who WANTS to hear what the parents and teachers think—BECAUSE HE'S ONE OF YOU.



Because it's time our School Board remembered
OUR CHILDREN MATTER
Joseph "Joey" Arnold
Coffee County Board of Education District One
The Vision For Our Children's Future
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* Indicates voter must submit a Voter's Update Form (on page 22) before voting

OFFICIAL LIST OF COFFEE COUNTY QUALIFIED VOTERS

STATE OF ALABAMA COFFEE COUNTY

As directed by the Code of Alabama, §17-4-1, I, William O. Gammill, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within constitutes a full and correct list of all qualified electors, as the same appears from the returns of the Board of Registrars, on file in this office, and who will be entitled to vote in any election held in said county.

Notice is hereby given to any voter duly registered whose name has been inadvertently, or through mistake, omitted from the list of qualified voters herein published, and who is legally entitled to vote, shall have ten (10) days from the date of this publication to have his or her name entered upon the list of qualified voters, upon producing proof to the Board of Registrars (894-5347) of said County that his or her name should be added to said list.

This list does not include names of persons who registered after April 25th, 2008. A supplement list will be published on or before May 30, 2008.

William O. Gammill Judge of Probate

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• Michael Brian Granham
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• Patrick D Grimes
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• Matthew Ellis Hutto
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INSIDE

New Brockton Gamecocks host Spring football jamboree



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by Linda Hodge, Editor Farm-City committee chair Boyd spoke about cattle farm



Following the tour, the group Tice invited the group to enjoy a prepared luncheon.

The afternoon portion of the tour sent the group to Country Best Farms in Enterprise.

Owner Bobby Helms explained the history behind his fruit and vegetable farms, then invited the group to enjoy homemade ice cream.

Law enforcement memorial service held at site of old Coffee County Jail in Elba

held a brief memorial service given their lives in protecting Sutton said the event was being held at the old Coffee Court



Chaplain Leon Adams (see coat) is shown speaking during the Law Enforcement Memorial Service held last Wednesday afternoon, May 14, in Elba at the old Coffee County Jail. Also shown is Maisie Thomas, Elba High student; Captain Richard Moss, Sheriff Dave Sutton and EHS student JoJo McBride (standing in archway of the jail building). Thomas sang the National Anthem while McBride performed "Taps" during the event.

and serving the local community as well as also taking time to express appreciation to those who currently serve.

Coffee County Sheriff David Sutton said the event was being held in the old Coffee County Jail site to honor Sheriff Neel Grantham who lost his life March 1, 1979 on the property. Grantham was shot and killed by Billy Joe Magwood who was convicted of capital murder for the crime.

Captain Richard Moss, administrator of the Coffee County Jail, presented a roll call of officers who were killed in the line of duty at Coffee County. These officers included: Neil Grantham, Herman Driggers, Greg Gay and Alex Hunter.

Chaplain Leon Adam thanked the families of these fallen officers for the sacrifice the officers made, as well as the sacrifice the families made. "We're here because it's a reality that law enforcement offi-

In regards to those currently serving, Adams said the com-

The service closed with the playing of "Taps."

Elba BOE approves retirement of five teachers

by **Ferrin Cox, Publisher**

The Elba City School Board approved five teacher retirements at a meeting last month.

Included in retirement list

ing to receive a certificate of graduation.

Weeks also presented a technology upgrade report which shows a three phase upgrade of

computers, interactive white boards, USB microscopes and related equipment. Total estimated cost of these upgrades exceeds \$300,000.

Area Happenings

over Ingrid Clark, with 36 years teaching business education; Larry Goodson, career, tech director, auto technology; Randy Kelley, high school history; Nancy Crowe, fifth grade, with 36 years teaching; and Tom Maddox, elementary music (effective October 1st).

The board also accepted the resignation of Miles Buckelew who has been a history teacher and head baseball coach.

Superintendent Danny Weeks updated board members on the latest changes in the high school graduation requirements. However, he noted that the new guidelines had just been released and additional information would be forthcoming.

The new guidelines give students more latitude in quality

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE will be in Elba on Thursday, May 22 (TODAY), from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. It will be located at the Elba Elementary School.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL HONORS DAY for grades 7-11 will be Thursday (TODAY), May 22, at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day. There will be standby crews for any emergency with water, electric, street or sewer. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage truck will run the Monday route as usual.

THE COFFEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY will hold a meeting Thursday, May 29, at 7 p.m. in the community room at the New Brockton Farm Center. Local candidates will be speaking. Everyone is invited. For more information call Eddie Vaughn at (334) 897-2273 x209 or 897-0395.

Voter registration

**deadline set for
Friday, May 23rd**

Please note that Friday, May 23, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for registering to vote in time for the June 3 Primary Election. The Board of Registrars

Office is located in the Coffee County Complex: Highway 84W, New Brockton, Ala.

Requirements to register to vote are:

- Person must be 18 years of age and a United States citizen; and
- Person must live at the address provided on the application to register; and
- Person must not be barred from voting by reason of felony conviction; and
- Person must not have been adjudged "mentally incompetent" in a court of law.

Voters who want to update their voting information to reflect a change in name or address should contact the Board of Registrars. The telephone number for the Board of Registrars is 894-5347.

FOR VOTER'S USE ONLY ♦ FILL IN ALL BOXES ON THIS FORM ♦ USE INK! Social Security Number:

① Your name: Last First Middle Maiden

						Social Security Number is requested, but not required, by authority of §17-4-122, Code of Alabama, 1975, for record-keeping purposes.							
② Home Telephone		③ Work Telephone		④ Inside City Limits? If yes, please name the city:						⑤ County where you live			
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⑥ Addresses	Current	Address where you live: (do not use post office box)		House Number and Street		City		State		ZIP			
		Address where you receive your mail:		House Number and Street (or PO Box)		City		State		ZIP			
	Old	Address where you were last registered to vote: (do not use post office box)		House Number and Street		City		County		State		ZIP	

I am a U.S. citizen
I live in the State of Alabama at
the address in box 6.
I am at least 18 years old
I am not barred from voting by
reason of a felony conviction
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incompetent" in a court of law

If you sign this statement even though you know it is untrue, you can be convicted and imprisoned for up to five years.

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____